LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A floor covering panel comprising a top side, at least two opposite edges including coupling elements made in one piece with the panel and arranged so that several ones of such panels can be mutually coupled to form a floor covering ~~coupling~~, said coupling elements arranged to enable an interlocking of the coupling elements between panels in a direction perpendicular to a plane including the panels, as well as in a direction perpendicular to the respective edges and parallel to the plane including the panels, ~~and wherein these coupling elements are configured so that the panels can be rotated into or out of one another at least along said opposite edges,~~ and wherein said panel is a laminated construction including at least an ~~MDF/HDF~~ MDF or HDF core layer and a panel decorative layer above the core layer;

said coupling elements are formed in one piece with the core layer and define tongue and groove interlocking elements;

a cut-away portion ~~bevel~~ adjacent ~~said~~ at least one of said two opposite edges, and intersecting said top side, said cut-away portion ~~bevel~~ penetrating and exposing an edge area of said panel decorative layer and said core layer when viewed from the top side of the panel; and

a decorative cut-away portion ~~bevel~~ covering layer on the area of the cut-away portion ~~bevel~~ masking said exposed edge area ~~areas~~, said decorative cut-away portion ~~bevel~~ covering layer being a separate layer ~~apart~~ from said panel decorative layer.

Claim 2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The floor covering panel according to claim 1, wherein each ~~bevel extends~~ cut-away portion comprises a bevel extending at an angle of 45° in relation to the plane including the panel.

4. (Currently Amended) The floor covering panel according to claim 3, wherein

each ~~bevel~~ cut-away portion, in the plane of the respective panel, extends over a distance of about 2 millimeter.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The floor covering panel according to claim 24 ~~1~~, wherein the coupling elements when coupled between ones of said panel, are disconnectable at least in one additional manner other than rotation relative to the coupled edges of the panels.

7. (Currently Amended) The floor covering panel according to claim 1, wherein the panel is rectangular and said cut-away portion ~~bevel~~ is provided on all four sides of the panels.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The floor covering panel according to claim 24 ~~8~~, wherein the panel has a length which amounts to at least eight times the width of the panel.

10. (Currently Amended). A floor covering panel comprising a laminated structure including an MDF or HDF ~~MDF/HDF~~ core layer, said core layer including an upper core surface and at least two opposed core edges, a panel decorative layer above ~~on~~ the upper core surface, a cut-away portion ~~bevel having a bevel area~~ formed on at least one of said at least two edges and extending at least through the panel decorative layer, wherein said cut-away portion ~~bevel area of each said bevel~~ is also provided with a decorative cut-away portion covering ~~bevel decorative~~ layer separate from said panel decorative layer covering the core and decorative layers exposed by the cut-away portion ~~bevel~~.

11. (Currently Amended) The floor covering panel according to claim 10, wherein the decorative cut-away portion covering ~~bevel decorative~~ layer provided on each said cut-away portion ~~bevel area~~ comprises a print.

12. (Currently Amended) The floor covering panel according to claim 11, wherein said print is a transfer layer.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Amended) The floor covering panel according to claim 10, wherein the panel decorative layer of the top core surface comprises a paper layer printed with a pattern.

15. (Currently Amended) The floor covering panel according to claim 14, wherein the decorative cut-away portion covering ~~bevel decorative~~ layer represents a print on each cut-away portion ~~bevel area~~, and wherein this print is provided with a pattern similar to the pattern of the panel decorative layer.

16. (Currently Amended) The floor covering panel according to claim 10, wherein the decorative cut-away portion covering ~~bevel decorating~~ layer on each cut-away portion ~~bevel~~ is a moisture-proof, impermeable layer.

17. (Currently Amended) The floor covering panel according to claim 1 ~~2~~, wherein each cut-away portion is a bevel extending ~~bevel extends~~ at an angle so that the plane including the bevel does not intersect ~~the~~ any other portion ~~contour~~ of the respective edge section of the panel at which the bevel is provided ~~outside of the bevel area~~.

18. (Currently Amended) A floor covering panel according to claim 1, comprising ~~a laminated hard construction having an MDF or HDF based core and~~ a

bottom side, wherein the panel is separately provided with an underlayer attached to the bottom side, said underlayer being polyethylene or polyethylene based material.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Amended) The floor panel covering according to claim 1, wherein the panel has a minimum thickness of 9 mm.

21. (Previously Amended) The floor covering panel according to claim 1, wherein the panel has a minimum thickness of 10 mm.

22. (Currently Amended) The floor covering panel according to claim 1, wherein at least on a plurality of said opposite edges, said coupling elements made in one piece with the panel are provided, such that several ones of such panel can be mutually coupled to form a floor covering, said coupling elements configured to be interlocking in a direction perpendicular to the plane of the panel, as well as in a direction perpendicular to said edges and parallel to a plane including the panel, said coupling elements having a combination of two or more characteristics ~~configurations~~ selected from the group consisting of:

the coupling elements are provided on each panel, which is rectangular and has two pairs of opposite edges, and wherein said coupling elements are provided on both pairs of opposite edges; and

at least for a plurality of said opposite edges the coupling elements are configured and arranged so that ones of said panel are ~~may be~~ assembled according to at least one procedure selected from the group consisting of ~~one of the following procedures~~:

at least by shifting the panels towards one another while they are located generally in a common plane;

exclusively by shifting the panels towards one another while they are located generally in a common plane;

at least by rotating the panels along a respective set of opposite edges;

exclusively by rotating the panels along a respective set of opposite edges; and

by shifting the panels towards one another in a generally common plane as well as by rotating them relative to each other;

at least for a plurality of edges, said coupling elements are arranged to enable uncoupling of coupled ones of said panel according to one or more procedures selected from the group consisting of ~~any of the following procedures~~:

at least by shifting the panels out of one another in a direction perpendicular to the edges;

exclusively by shifting the panels out of one another in a direction perpendicular to the edges;

at least by rotating the panels along the respective edges;

exclusively by rotating the panels along the respective edges;

by shifting the panels out of one another in a direction perpendicular to the edges as well as by rotating them relative to each other;

wherein the tongue and groove interlocking elements comprise

a lower lip which defines the bottom side of the groove, as seen from a cross section of the panel, ~~and~~ said lip extending ~~extends~~ past an upper lip of the panel; ~~,~~ and ~~wherein~~

the locking device comprises parts on said lower lip defining the bottom side of the groove on the one hand, and of one or more portions of the bottom side of the tongue cooperating with the latter on the other hand~~; are made~~ such that when two of such panels are freely shifted towards one another in a generally common plane, the tongue is automatically introduced into the groove; and

~~when interlocked,~~ the tongue and groove interlocking elements are coupled substantially without any play when interlocked.

23. (New) The floor covering panel according to claim 1, wherein the coupling elements are configured so that the panels can be rotated in or out of one another at

least along said opposite edges.

24. (New) The floor covering panel according to claim 1, wherein said panel is rectangular and elongated and including said coupling elements on at least on two opposite longitudinal edges of the panel, such that several ones of such panel can be mutually coupled to one another along said edges, and wherein the coupling elements are configured such that individual panels can be coupled and/or uncoupled with similar panels by means of rotation motion about cooperating opposed longitudinal edges of the panels, and wherein the width of the panel (2) is smaller than 17 cm.

25. (New) The floor covering panel according to claim 23, wherein said panel is rectangular and elongated, and wherein the width of the panel is smaller than 17 cm.

26. (New) The floor covering panel according to claim 1, including a cut-away portion adjacent at least two opposed edges.

27. (New) The floor covering panel according to claim 1, wherein the decorative cut-away portion covering layer comprises a print.

28. (New) The floor covering panel according to claim 27, wherein said print is a transfer layer.

29. (New) The floor covering panel according to claim 1, wherein the panel decorative layer of the top core surface comprises a paper layer printed with a pattern.

30. (New) The floor covering panel according to claim 1, wherein the decorative cut-away portion covering layer represents a print on each cut-away portion and wherein this print is provided with a pattern similar to the pattern of the panel decorative layer.

31. (New) The floor covering panel according to claim 1, wherein the decorative cut-away portion covering layer is a moisture-proof impermeable layer.

32. (New) The floor covering panel according to claim 10, wherein said cut-away portion is a bevel.